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MEDIA ADVISORY

North Dakota Resident Dies From Hantavirus Infection *Department of Health To Hold News Conference/Media Availability*

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health will hold a news conference to discuss the death of a western North Dakota resident from hantavirus infection. The news conference will be held Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008, at 2 p.m., in the Red River Room at the State Capitol Building in Bismarck, N.D.

The following individuals will participate in the news conference:

- Patty Havelka, widow of Ryan Havelka, Hettinger, N.D.
- Kirby Kruger, state epidemiologist, North Dakota Department of Health

Media unable to attend in person are invited to participate by telephone conference call. To connect to the news conference, the media is asked to follow these steps:

- 1) Dial 866.637.9769.
- 2) If you have trouble connecting, call Rene Lafferty at 701.328.2378.

For more information about the news conference, contact Loreeta Canton or Stacy Eberl, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.2372.

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